

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently amended) A resilient switch contact comprising a unitary conductive body having:
 - a mounting end portion disposed in a first plane;
 - a central operating portion disposed in a second plane spaced apart from the first plane in a first direction;
 - an intermediate buffer portion interconnecting said mounting end portion to said central operating portion; and
 - first and second support portions spaced apart from each other in a second direction transverse to the first direction and extending from said central operating portion in the first direction toward the first plane,

wherein said intermediate buffer portion includes a bend section extending from said mounting end portion, and a linear extension section extending from said bend section to said central operating portion.
2. Cancelled
3. (Currently amended) The resilient switch contact as claimed in Claim 2~~1~~, wherein said bend section is inverted U-shaped.
4. Cancelled
5. (Original) The resilient switch contact as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said central operating portion is formed with a projection that protrudes in the first direction toward the first plane.
6. (Currently amended) The resilient switch contact as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said first and second support portions extend inclinedly from said central operating portion

and away from each other.

7. (Currently amended) A key switch device comprising:
a circuit board formed with an electrical contact unit; and
a unitary conductive body having
 a mounting end portion ~~mounted on~~ soldered on said circuit board,
 a central operating portion spaced apart from said electrical contact unit of
said circuit board in a first direction,
 an intermediate buffer portion interconnecting said mounting end portion to
said central operating portion, and
 first and second support portions spaced apart from each other in a second
direction transverse to the first direction and extending from said central operating portion
in the first direction toward said circuit board,
 said central operating portion being operable so as to move from a normal
position, where said central operating portion is spaced apart from said electrical contact
unit, to a pressed position, where said central operating portion,
 said intermediate buffer portion and said first and second support portions
deform and where said central operating portion contacts electrically said electrical contact
unit, said intermediate buffer portion and said first and second support portions providing a
restoring force to move said central operating portion from the pressed position back to the
normal position.

8. (Original) The key switch device as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said intermediate
buffer portion includes a bend section extending from said mounting end portion, and a
linear extension section extending from said bend section to said central operating portion.

9. (Original) The key switch device as claimed in Claim 8, wherein said bend section
is inverted U-shaped.

10. (Original) The key switch device as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said
intermediate buffer portion includes a curved section extending from said mounting end

portion in the first direction toward said central operating portion.

11. (Original) The key switch device as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said central operating portion is formed with a projection that protrudes in the first direction toward said circuit board and that contacts electrically said electrical contact unit when said central operating portion is in the pressed position.

12. (Original) The key switch device as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said first and second support portions extend inclinedly from said central operating portion and away from each other, and have distal ends that are in contact with said circuit board.

13. (Original) The key switch device as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said circuit board is further formed with a solder pad for mounting said mounting end portion of said conductive body thereon, said central operating portion connecting electrically said electrical contact unit to said solder pad when said central operating portion is in the pressed position.

14. (Original) The key switch device as claimed in Claim 7, wherein said electrical contact unit includes a pair of electrical contacts spaced apart from each other, said central operating portion interconnecting electrically said electrical contacts of said electrical contact unit when said central operating portion is in the pressed position.